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RAJPUT REGIMENT'S REUNION

The Rajput Regiment, which is celebrating its reunion at its Centre, Fatehgarh, is one of the oldest regiments in the Indian Army. The first battalion of what was then known as the 7th Rajput Regiment was raised in 1798. This battalion has earned many distinctions during its existence.

After independence, when Kashmir was threatened, two battalions of the Rajput Regiment were among the first troops that were called upon to stand up to the raiders. The officers and men of the Regiment won distinction and honour at many sectors. Nk Jadunath Singh of the Rajput Regiment won the Param Vir Chakra posthumously. General K. M. Cariappa was a product of this Regiment.

In World War II battalions of the Rajput Regiment saw action in Burma, Malaya and Hongkong in the East, and Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Greece and Italy in the West The Regiment received two awards of the Victoria Cross. One of these went to Subedar Ram Sarup Singh of Patiala State, who was killed in action against the Japanese at Tiddim in Burma. The other VC holder is Hav Kamal Ram, formerly of 3/8th Punjab Regiment. Wherever they have served the Rajputs have set a very high standard of fighting tradition.

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CELEBRATIONS END

FATEHGARH, Mar 19.—A colourful and impressive ceremonial parade under the command of Lt-Col A. M. S. Butalia, Commandant of the Centre, marked the closing day function of the reunion of the famous Rajput Regiment. In the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, General K. M. Cariappa, High Commissioner in Australia, Lieut-Gen Sant Singh, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, took the salute.

Addressing the parade, General Sant Singh praised the services of the various battalions of the Rajput Regiment, and particularly mentioned the good work done by a battalion, recently in NEFA.

The Army Commander met about 500 ex-Servicemen of the Regiment who had come to the reunion from all parts of the country.

High-ranking serving and ex-officers of the Regiment, including Lieut-Gen Nathu Singh, former GOC-in-C, Eastern Command and Lt-Col F. R. Cosens, former Commandant of the Rajput Regiment, were present.

Later General Sant Singh laid a wreath at the war memorial. He also visited the various regimental institutions. The officers and men attended a 'bara khana".

General Nathu Singh distributed the prizes to winners in various sports events.

The celebrations ended with a regimental reunion dinner at the Officers' Mess.

Several messages were received from ex-Servicemen of thee Regiment in India and abroad.